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SUBJECT: US NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY

REF: TOKYO 18234

1. DEPARTMENT REMAINS RELUCTANT TO SEND A TEAM TO TOKYO.
AS REFTEL NOTES, USG IS NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE
COMMITMENTS OR TO ESTABLISH PRECEDENTS IN THIS TRANSITION
PERIOD. DEPARTMENT ALSO FEELS THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT
JAPANESE OFFICIALS WOULD WISH ONLY TO EXPRESS THEIR
VIEWS AND WOULD ANTICIPATE SOME DISCUSSION OF US POLICY
AS WELL. IN ANY CASE EMBASSY HAS EFFECTIVELY SERVED AS A
CONDUIT FOR JAPANESE VIEWS, AND DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
RESPONSIBLE FOR NUCLEAR POLICY HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE FOR A
NUMBER OF RECENT CALLS BY JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES.

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2. PLEASE NOTE TO APPROPRIATE GOJ OFFICIALS THAT
RESPONSIBLE USG OFFICIALS ARE AWARE OF JAPANESE CONCERNS.
THAT A TEAM CAN BE SENT AT AN EARLY DATE, BUT FEELS THAT
VISIT WOULD BE MORE USEFUL IF DEFERRED UNTIL TEAM IS IN
POSITION TO OFFER MORE DEFINITIVE EXPOSITION OF US POLICY.

3. THE EXPERT TEAM SCHEDULED TO VISIT TAIPEI HAS A
DIFFERENT PURPOSE AND WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR
DIVERSION TO TOKYO.
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